

**Land & Water  
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**LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

DATE and TIME: Friday, March 10, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Oneida County Courthouse, Committee Rm. 1 (second floor)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Chairman Petroskey, Matteson, Kuczmarski, and Hansen  
Rudolph and Martinson had excused absences

OTHERS PRESENT: Nancy Hollands, Lynn Houle, Bill Ludwig, and Scott Leonhardt

1. Meeting was called to order in the Oneida County Courthouse, Committee Room 1 at 9:00 a.m. by Vice Chairman Petroskey, who indicated that this meeting is a public meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee, which was properly posted and the media was notified.

2. **MOTION (Matteson/Hansen), to approve the minutes of the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting and the current agenda. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

3. Set date for next meeting – The committee set the March meeting for Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and the April meeting for April 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and the Land & Water Resource Management Plan Meeting for April 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

4. Public comments – There were no comments

5. Tree Shipping Account/Tree Planter Rental – Hollands reported that trees are ordered and delivered through DNR. We just handle the monies through our revenue and expense accounts. We usually give DNR an advance to cover the cost of fuel to pick up the trees. They rent a U-haul, which is billed to the county. They bill the landowners for tree shipping costs to generate revenues to pay for the expenses. Leonhardt thought they might need a larger truck this year. Scott Leonhardt stated that he might be transferred to another DNR office, so he may not be the person who handles the tree shipping. It may be John Gillen or Ray Briggs. Scott stated that he would keep us informed.

6. Wildlife Damage Program – Hollands reported that Bryan Woodbury, Wildlife Damage Specialist, accepted a transfer to become the Wildlife Biologist for Sauk and Northern Iowa Counties. Laurie Fike will still continue to provide program services related to the WDACP. Matteson provided the committee with deer harvest information that he received at the Deer Management Meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. He stated there are more bear around which is becoming more of a problem. Petroskey reported that the deer harvest would stay the same. He stated that Ron Eckstein, DNR, gave a good presentation.

Hollands reported that she sent Freda Waalkens some information on fencing. We can help her through the abatement program. Waalkens is getting estimates for temporary fencing. Waalkens may be interested in trying the concrete bee house with electric fencing around the perimeter. Ludwig checked on-line to see if anyone has experimented with these concrete bee houses. He couldn't find anyone. Ludwig doubts that DNR would approve this because it would be experimental. He stated that we could offer Waalkens two different kinds of electric fencing. They work well as long as the electricity is on and the charger is doing its job. Ludwig suggested that we provide the fence materials and have them put it up. He figured the cost of the materials would be similar to that of Chris Hansen with an extra cost for an electric fencer. Hansen has a solar charger, which is cheaper than the electric. The fence would be single posts with four to six electric lines around it. The perimeter would be approximately 12' x 12'. It will need some maintenance. Waalkens could purchase the material, submit receipts to the office, and then we would reimburse them. **MOTION (Matteson/Hansen) to approve the Waalkens temporary electric fencing project not to exceed \$1,000.00. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

7. LWCD secretarial position vacancy – Hollands informed the committee that Lynn Houle has accepted a position with the Land Information Office as Property Description Technician. She stated the Committee needs to provide authorization for the secretarial position, and the LRES Committee also has to approve it. The LRES committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Once we have approval from both committees, then we can proceed with filling the position. **MOTION (Hansen/Matteson) to approve filling the secretarial position vacancy with an updated job description. Motion carried, all voting aye. MOTION (Hansen/Matteson) to provide authorization for Petroskey to attend the LRES committee meeting with Hollands on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

8. Part-time typist position hours – Hollands stated that she had asked LRES if Barb Payne, Typist II, could work full-time to provide office coverage until Houle's (Secretary I) position is filled. They stated it wasn't a problem, provided Payne doesn't work over her approved 63% (1,228.5 hours) for the year.

9. County Cost Share Program – Jean Hansen reported that she will be meeting with the three landowners on the Lake Nokomis projects at the end of the month. Phebus is working on getting plan approval from DNR. Jean Hansen stated that she has five or six projects that need designs. **MOTION (Hansen/Matteson) to direct Hollands to send a letter to the legislature and DATCP expressing our disapproval of the reduction in bond dollars and asking them to reinstate the funds for next year. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Leonhardt and Ludwig were excused from the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

10. Land & Water Resource Management Plan Update -

a. Agreement with Regional Planning Commission – Hollands hasn't received a written agreement to date.

b. Citizens Advisory Committee – A press release was sent out to the Oneida County media. Hollands stated the article was printed in the North Star Journal and the Rhinelander Daily News. Only one person has contacted her about serving on the advisory committee. That person is Carrie Stoltz who is a zoning technician for Planning & Zoning Office. Matteson gave

Hollands the name of one person, Lester Felbab. Hollands thought we should go back to the previous list of people and start calling some of them. Jean Hansen said she could contact some of the groups and follow-up with a letter recruiting people. Hollands informed the committee that Bryan Pierce, Northwoods Land Trust, was in the office. He requested a letter of support as they are applying for a DNR grant. His project will complement the work that we are doing in our Land & Water Resource Management Plan.

11. Oneida County Strategic Long Range Planning Process – Finance would like a condensed version of our Land & Water Resource Management Plan. Hollands stated that she did not have time to work on it yet, but does plan to prepare a report for the countywide plan.

12. Soil & Water Stewardship Week – Hollands went on the NACD website to get prices for the soil & water stewardship materials. She proposed purchasing 5,000 inserts, the same amount as last year. The cost would be approximately \$292.16. Guy Hansen thought it would be a good idea to have DNR distribute trees to the students in the district during soil & water stewardship week, which is April 30<sup>th</sup> through May 7<sup>th</sup>.

13. Joint multi-county DNR grant – Hollands didn't have anything additional to report on it.

14. Non-Native Aquatic Invasive Species (Grants)

a. Contractual services for DNR grant - **MOTION (Matteson/Hansen) to write a letter of support for the DNR grant application for Northwoods Land Trust. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

15. Lake District/Agency Reports

Lake Districts – Petroskey reported that Mid Lake District would be meeting in July. He also attended the Oneida County Lakes/Rivers Association Meeting that was held on March 7th. They supported the ban of phosphorus based lawn fertilizer.

FSA – No report was given.

NRCS – No report was given.

LWCD – Hollands reported that she and Jean Hansen attended the DATCP listening session on March 9<sup>th</sup>. She stated that March 14<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to submit invoices, and line item transfers for calendar year 2005. She needs to complete the DATCP grant reporting for 2005, and the DATCP grant application for calendar year 2007, which are due by April 15<sup>th</sup>. She will be requesting \$100,000 for cost-sharing projects for 2007. She will prepare the 2007 grant application for the April 7<sup>th</sup> LWCC meeting.

UWEX – No report was given.

DNR – Leonhardt gave his report on the tree shipping/tree planter earlier in the meeting.

LWCB – No report was given.

WLWCA – No report was given.

RC&D – No report was given.

16. Monthly budget review – **MOTION (Matteson/Guy Hansen), to approve the December 2005 Adjustment II Expense Analyses for both the Land & Water Conservation Department budget and the Wildlife Damage budget as presented. Motion carried, all voting aye. MOTION (Guy Hansen/Matteson), to approve the February 2006 Expense Analyses for both the Land & Water Conservation Department budget and the Wildlife Damage budget as presented. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

17. Out-of-County Authorization –

April 26<sup>th</sup>

Technical Training Meeting - Ladysmith

May 18<sup>th</sup>

Four County Meeting – Vilas County

**MOTION (Matteson/Guy Hansen) to authorize the committee and appropriate staff to attend the meetings listed above. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

18. Approval of invoices, purchase orders, and line item transfers – Hollands presented one line item transfer for the 2006 budget - \$248.00 from Lake Planning Grant Revenue Account to Lake Planning Grant Expense Account. **MOTION (Guy Hansen/Kuczmarski) to approve the line item transfer as presented. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

**MOTION (Guy Hansen/Kuczmarski) to approve payment of the vouchers as presented. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

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**Land Conservation Department Account**

Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association (WLWCA)	\$950.00
2006 County Membership Dues	
Scott Leonhardt	\$100.00
Advance request to purchase fuel to bring trees into the County	
National Association of Conservation Districts	\$292.16
2006 Soil Stewardship Week educational materials	

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**Wildlife Damage Program Account**

No invoices were submitted.

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19. Items for the next meeting agenda – **MOTION (Guy Hansen/Matteson) to cancel the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting pending the outcome of the LRES Meeting. Motion carried, all voting aye.** Items for the April meeting: Land & Water Resource Management Plan Update; Joint multi-county DNR grant; Contractual services for DNR grant; County Cost Share Program (Reduction on cost-share project funding).

20. Adjourn – With all business being concluded, the meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m. by motion of Matteson/Guy Hansen. Motion carried, all voting aye.

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Wilbur Petroskey  
Vice Chairman

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Nancy Hollands  
County Conservationist